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FOR AMBASSADORS/CHARGES

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THE RECENT LEADERSHIP CRISIS IN SOUTH AFRICA HAS INTRODUCED NEW UNCERTAINTIES FOR OUR PROMISING EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE NAMIBIA QUESTION. WE ARE NONETHELESS DETERMINED TO PERSIST IN OUR EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSALS WORKED OUT BY THE WESTERN FIVE MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP.

WE ARE ALSO DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE COURSE THAT EVENTS ARE TAKING IN RHODESIA. NOTWITHSTANDING THE CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IS NOT WORKING, THE SALISBURY PARTIES HAVE CONTINUED TO CLING TO THEIR PRESENT COURSE AND TO RESIST ATTEMPTS TO BRING THEM INTO NEGOTIATIONS. IF NOTHING IS DONE TO BREAK THE CURRENT IMPASSE, IT SOON MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND COMMON GROUND FOR A JUST AND FAIR SETTLEMENT.

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